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Questions regarding the Scientific Branch of ORE and Nuclear Energy Group

Herewith are a few questions, I hope not too troublesome, regarding the Scientific Branch of ORE and the Nuclear Energy Group. From such papers as I have been able to find, I cannot seem to make a connected story. Perhaps some of the old-timers can recall what went on, or can indicate where I must look to fill in the gaps.

Your effort to coordinatize within the frame of reference is highly appreciated.

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In a chart of ORE, 22 July 1946, there is a box showing a technical and scientific branch

When was this organized?  
What were its functions?  
How large a staff?

In a chart of ORE, 1 July 1947, the Branch had now grown to 6 divisions

Are there any comments on its progress?

3 October 1946, the post of Chief Scientific Branch was offered to [REDACTED] 25X1A  
[REDACTED] It does not appear that he took the job. Why?

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30 October 1947, [REDACTED] appears to have been Chief Scientific Branch

When was he appointed?  
How long did he hold the post?  
Who succeeded him?

An agreement was made between JRDB and OIG dated 10 January 1947 on co-operation in the field of Scientific Intelligence.  
In March, 1948, DCI asked to be released from this agreement. Why?

On 21 August 1946 at a meeting of the NIA, there was discussion concerning the transfer of the Foreign Intelligence Branch of the Manhattan \*

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Engineer project to CIG. NIA #6 was approved to effect this transfer, but the President wished to defer the matter until the Atomic Energy Commission was under way.

The transfer was approved, however, by NIA at a meeting on 12 February 1947, and personnel was transferred 18 February. NIA #9 (to the same effect as NIA #6 but renumbered) was issued 18 April 1947.

On 28 March 1947 a memorandum was issued by General Wright instructing A/D ORE to establish a Nuclear Energy Group within ORE.

What had become of the personnel transferred to CIG on 18 February 1947 from the AEC?

On 3 March 1948 the instructions of 28 March 1947 were rescinded. The Nuclear Energy Group appears to have been removed from ORE. Presumably the Group was transferred to OSO, as it is mentioned in the Dulles Report as under that Office.

When was the transfer effected?

Why was the group divorced from other scientific efforts to collect and coordinate intelligence information?

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